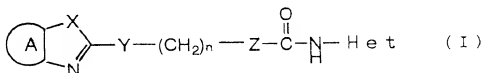


# CLAIMS

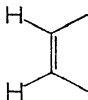
1. Compounds represented by the formula (I)



wherein



represents an optionally substituted divalent residue such as benzene, pyridine, cyclohexane or naphthalene, or a group,



Het represents a 5- to 8-membered, substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group containing at least one heteroatom selected from the group consisting of a nitrogen atom, an oxygen atom and a sulfur atom, such as a monocyclic group, a polycyclic group or a group of a fused ring,

X represents -NH-, an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom,

Y represents -NR<sub>4</sub>-, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone,

Z represents a single bond or -NR<sub>5</sub>-,

R<sub>4</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl

group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group,

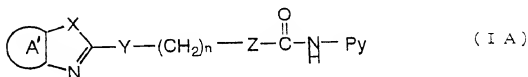
R<sub>5</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group, and

n is an integer of from 1 to 15,

or salts or solvates thereof.

2. The compounds, or the salts or the solvates thereof according to claim 1, wherein Het in formula (I) is a substituted or unsubstituted pyridyl or pyrimidyl group.

3. The compounds according to claim 1 or 2, which are represented by the formula (IA)



wherein



represents an optionally substituted divalent residue such as benzen or pyridine,

Py represents an optionally substituted pyridyl or pyrimidyl group,

X represents -NH-, an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom,

Y represents -NR<sub>4</sub>-, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a

sulfoxide or a sulfone,

Z represents a single bond or  $-NR_5-$ ,

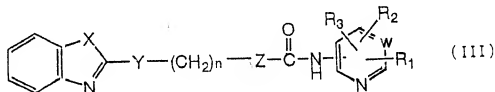
$R_4$  represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group,

$R_5$  represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group, and

n is an integer of from 1 to 15,

or salts or solvates thereof, and a pharmaceutical composition containing these compounds.

4. The compounds according to claim 1, 2 or 3, which are represented by the formula (III)



wherein

W represents  $=CH-$  or  $=N-$ ,

X represents  $-NH-$ , an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom,

Y represents  $-NR_4-$ , an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone,

Z represents a single bond or  $-NR_5-$ ,

$R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  are the same or different, and each represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a phosphate group, a sulfonamide group, a lower alkylthio group or an optionally substituted amino group, or two of  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  together form an alkylenedioxide

group,

R<sub>4</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group,

R<sub>5</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group, and

n is an integer of from 1 to 15,

or salts or solvates thereof.

5. A pharmaceutical composition containing

at least one compound selected from the compounds according to any one of claims 1, 2, 3 and 4, or the salts or the solvates thereof, and

pharmaceutically acceptable carriers.

6. The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 5, which is an ACAT inhibitor, an intracellular cholesterol transfer inhibitor, a blood cholesterol depressant or a macrophage formation suppressant.

7. The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 5 or 6, which is a remedy or a medication for preventing for hyperlipemia, arteriosclerosis, cerebrovascular accidents, ischemic heart disease, ischemic intestinal disease and aortic aneurysm.

8. An ACAT inhibitor containing at least one compound selected from the compounds according to any one of claims 1, 2, 3 and 4 and the salts or the solvates thereof.